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1.	Plans call for the importation of 8,000 tons of tob from Hungery, Bulgaria, the USSR and China in exchar China will send approximately 1,000 tons of the total for the rest.	nge for industrial products.	
2.	In 1951, the following products will be made availabarter:	ble for export trade as	
	 a. seeds for both grain and feed products - amount b. sugar beets in the amount of approximately 8 to c. potatoes - 178,000 hestolitres of potato alcohol the USSR. d. vegetable fiber will be delivered in unknown and of linen. 	900,000 tons will be delivered to	
3.	No insurmountable difficulties as regards potato deliveries are foreseen in the DDR this year. The overall amount required will be obtained, although 50% of the farmers will be unable to fill their quota. Difficulties will be encountered as the amount of potatoes in the planned production will not cover planned deliveries to the population, in addition to the planned deliveries as feed for livestock. The reason for the non-fulfillment of norms is that the government has not taken into consideration the varying conditions obtaining in various sections of the East 7ons. Some individual farms are more able to produce certain products then others, but the government requires each farmer to produce approximately the same snounts of the same materials.		
4.	Thirteen million tons of potatoes in the 1951 crop will be sufficient, but only if no export deliveries are made. Difficulties may be encountered as DDR farmers are going to be required to raise about 50% more pigs than in 1950 and therefore may need more potatoes for feed.		
5.	The effect of the economic plans made by the villages will not be felt to any great extent this year. They have been introduced in order to have the DDR farmers become used to working on a cooperative basis and provide the groundwork for the future establishment of cooperatives along the lines of Kolkhozes. Approximately 25 to 30% of the farming communities in the DDR will probably have such a village plan, but only 3 to 4% will really follow them to any extent.		
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- 6. The fact that there is a large discrepancy between the farm acresses for publicly-owned farms on one hand and privately-owned farms on the other hand does not indicate that any widespread expansion of state-owned enterprises will take place at this time. However, such an undertaking may occur as early as the fall of 1951.
- 7. Very little influence is being exerted on the Ministry for Agriculture and Forestry by the Soviet Control Commission. Although there is an Agriculture Section still remaining in the SCC it does not have any direct influence on the above-named ministry. Indirect influence is exerted through the Council of Ministries and through the Ministry for Planning.

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